

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY & COUNTY OF HONOLULU

RE: RESOLUTION 11-328, FIRST READING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2011

10:00 A.M.

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To the Honorable Ernie Martin, Chair & Members of the Committee:

My name is Maurice Morita of the Hawaii Laborers-Employers Co-operation & Education Trust (Hawaii LECET) & we "STRONGLY OPPOSE" Resolution 11-328, First Reading, to initiate an amendment to the Revised Charter of the City & County of Honolulu 1973, as amended, relating to the Public Transit Authority.

We clearly see that the intent of Councilman Berg's resolution is to kill the rail transit project. We have come too far to make any changes to the present plans to build a steel on steel rail transit approved by the peoples' vote in 2008, the City Council, and the Honolulu Authority of Rapid Transit (HART).

We need to continue to build the steel on steel rail transit as planned, in order, to improve our "quality of life" for the present and the future.

Any further delays may put the Federal Government Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) in jeopardy, and we may lose any further funding from the Federal Government to help pay for the Public Transit Project.

We urge the City Council of the City & County of Honolulu not to pass Resolution #11-328.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.